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# GERMANS MUTINY AT STALINGRAD

## Slander of NMU Seamen Scored By Adm. Halsey

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Admiral William F. Halsey, commander of U. S. forces in the South Pacific, informed the Navy Department today that in no instance have merchant marine seamen refused to discharge cargo from their vessels or in any other way failed to cooperate with the U. S. forces ashore in that area.

In a report to the Navy Department, Admiral Halsey asserted more than a dozen vessels manned by seamen have reached Guadalcanal since the start of the Solomon Islands campaign Aug. 7, 1942.

Under the supervision of Naval officers the crews participated in unloading all of them.

The report stated that none of the crews had ever refused to discharge the ship's cargo, and the merchant seamen's cooperation, efficiency and courage on some occasions in the face of enemy attack have won high praise.

National Maritime Union president Joseph Curran, elated at the crushing refutation of the phony story that has been spread against the union, pressed the union's demand for a Department of Justice investigation of the source of this story. He said:

"We are extremely grateful for the statement by Admiral Halsey giving the lie to published stories that a National Maritime Union crew refused to unload a ship at Guadalcanal on a Sunday because it was against union rules.

SEAMEN SLANDERED

"We maintain that this story was Hitler-inspired and was promoted by the sixth-column press in an effort to shatter civilian morale and slander merchant seamen who have already lost more men proportionately through enemy action than any other armed service.

"We now reiterate our demand for an investigation into the source

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## Hearing on Dies Monday

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Labor has apparently won a brief delay in which to intensify its fight against continuation of the Dies Committee for another two years.

Rules Committee aides said to-night that the scheduled hearing on the Cox resolution to extend the life of the Dies committee scheduled for tomorrow won't be held until next Monday.

The reason for the delay was the absence of a number of members of the Rules Committee which has made it difficult to get a quorum.

Several Congressmen are scheduled to testify at the Rules Committee hearing against the Dies Committee.

But it is not yet clear whether spokesmen for labor and progressive organizations will be permitted to testify.

It is expected that these spokesmen will appear at the hearing in any event and ask for the right to be heard.

## Says Daily Worker Is 'Indispensable'

The Daily Worker is "indispensable" for every active trade unionist, says Nick Carnes, business agent of Local 1250, Dept. Store Union, CIO. Carnes' letter follows:

As an active trade unionist I find the Daily Worker indispensable—the wealth of trade union news, the clarity that exists on war issues, provides an excellent guide for trade unionists in meeting the every day economic problems of workers. By all means every member of a union should read this workers newspaper.

NICK CARNES,

Business Agent, Local 1250,  
Dept. Store Union, CIO.

## Hitler Victory Not So Bad, Hearst Says



THE man who smiles proudly and happily in the company of the above-pictured Nazi gangsters is William Randolph Hearst as he was welcomed by the Nazis in Berlin, in 1935.

(Left is Nazi fanatic, Dr. Rosenberg, right is Dr. Sommer, chief of the Nazi press propaganda.)

Yesterday the same William Randolph Hearst spat into the faces of the United States Army soldiers and their families by declaring that he doesn't give a damn whether Hitler conquers the United States.

Editorially, commenting on the war with Hitler, the Hearst press yesterday informed an astounded and shocked nation that: "Whatever side wins . . . occidental civilization is going to be maintained and will still progress."

Just to escape the treason laws, the Hearst press flung the contemptuous phrase "it is obvious that our forces will win."

But Hearst does not view the defeat

of America at Hitler's hands as interfering in any way with the progress of civilization.

His editorial yesterday said plainly that a Nazi-dominated world and a Hitler-enslaved America would be just as suitable to progress and civilization as an American victory.

To leave no doubt as to what he means regarding his admiration and respect for Hitler, Hearst's editorial declares of the Nazi effort to cut America's throat that:

"It is a FAMILY fight in which the possibility of ultimate AGREEMENT and the possibility of constructive HARMONY has not been dismissed by the most determined opponents."

Hearst says that the enslaver of Europe whose hands drip with the blood of millions of murdered men, women and children, is a part of our FAMILY.

Hitler may be part of Hearst's FAMILY, but he is the would-be murderer of every family in the United States.

In plain talk, Hearst is screaming

for his friends in Berlin. He is afraid that they will lose. He therefore wants us to establish "harmony" with Nazi Germany and Hitler.

Every American soldier that dies by a Nazi bullet is viewed by the Hearst press with indifference, since it doesn't care whether we win or whether Hitler wins.

And this vile stuff is published in the United States just as our American boys are getting ready to grapple with the Nazi criminals on their home ground.

Hearst is stabbing the American army in the back!

Hearst is preaching the gospels of Berlin and Tokio!

Hearst has defied the American nation with a coarse cynical insult!

The decent people of America—the government of the United States—have got to stop this stab in the back.

What is America going to do about the "Pearl Harbor" blow just struck within our gates by this American Quisling, William Randolph Hearst?

## WLB Discusses Wage Levels

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Daily Worker learned today that a conference has been held between the War Labor Board and Economic Stabilization Director Byrnes on the question of raising the "Little Steel" formula above its present 15 per cent level.

The conference was held yesterday, and was attended by six members of the board, including Chairman Davis, George W. Taylor, public member; Richard Frankenstein of the CIO-United Auto Workers; Robert Watt of the AFL; H. L. Derby, an alternate industry representative.

It was reported that Byrnes appeared open-minded on the issue.

In some quarters of the War Labor Board there was a feeling that the board would seek to ease the mounting pressure against the 15 per cent formula by relaxing it in the case of low income groups.

It is felt that labor unions generally would regard such a step as an attempt to solve by patchwork methods a problem that can only be met by an over-all program embracing centralized economic control, universal rationing, effective price stabilization and a wage formula flexible enough to maintain all workers at full production income.

The United Electrical Workers, the Auto Workers and other major CIO unions are preparing for a full discussion of this crucial war problem at the CIO International

## House Body Ok's Bill to Jail Trade Unionists

By Frank Rhylick  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The anti-labor bill behind which all reactionary forces have secretly planned to rally was steamrollered out of the House Judiciary Committee today without even the formality of a hearing.

It was the so-called "anti-racketeering bill" sponsored by Representative Sam Hobbs of Alabama, who has the unique distinction of being the first member of Congress to urge a concentration camp for aliens.

The bill was stopped by labor during the last Congress after public hearings before the Judiciary Committee.

Cloaking itself as an amendment to the anti-racketeering act of 1934, which was aimed at criminal gangs of the Kelly and Dillinger type, the Hobbs bill would define almost any union activity, even their act of collective bargaining, as a coercive act in restraint of trade

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## U. S. Troops Reach Maknassy

(London, Jan. 28 (UPI))

The Algiers radio reported tonight that American troops advancing toward the March line in Southern Tunisia have reached Maknassy, 33 miles from the Mediterranean coast and 75 miles north of the nearest point on the defense.

The Algiers broadcast did not state definitely that American troops had captured Maknassy, Axis strong point where they stated a hit-and-run raid had been made last week.

Maknassy is an important point on the rail line running through Southern Tunisia from Gafsa to Safex.

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and commerce," punishable by a maximum of 20 years in prison or a fine of not more than \$10,000 "or both."

CIO Legislative Director Nathan Cowan, testifying before the Judiciary Committee last Spring, declared bluntly that the bill represented "a desire to crush labor unions and to brand loyal and upstanding workingmen as felons."

Joseph Padway, General Counsel of the AFL, characterized the bill in this way:

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## Bus Drivers Struggle Through Toughest Traffic Day of the Year

By Harry Raymond

Bus drivers told the Daily Worker yesterday that due to the heavy snow they put in the toughest day's work of the winter.

Meanwhile, Sanitation Commissioner William Carey, facing the winter's biggest snow removal job, ordered traffic intersections and main arteries to be cleared by snow

ploughs but otherwise adopted an attitude of "watchful waiting."

The blizzard, which continued all day and into the night, slowed the city's reduced surface motor traffic and placed especially heavy burdens and responsibility on heavy bus drivers.

Both buses of the privately-owned lines and the city-owned BMT buses in Brooklyn were taxed to

capacity.

Drivers got the buses through with difficulty. Visibility was bad, the roadways were in dangerous condition and the passenger loads large, but the drivers, members of the Transport Workers Union, piloted the cargoes of human beings safely and without mishap.

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## Allied War Chiefs Confer On Offensive

(London, Jan. 28 (UPI))—Top Allied war chiefs have conferred a second time in North Africa to implement the military decisions arrived at in the Casablanca meeting. It was revealed tonight, and unofficial reports said new Allied offensive thrusts already were under way on both sides of the Tunisian front.

Many of the military leaders who participated in the "unconditional surrender" conference with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill sat in chief of the U. S. Navy; Lieut. Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of the U. S. Army Air Force; Lieut. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell of the U. S. Services of supply; U. S. defense expeditor W. Harriman; British Field Marshal Sir John Dill; British Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound; Vice Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten of the commandos and Lieut. Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, chief of staff to the chief of the British Ministry of Defense.

They included Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, British commander in the Middle East; U. S. chief of staff Gen. George C. Marshall; Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the U. S. Navy; Lieut. Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of the U. S. Army Air Force; Lieut. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell of the U. S. Services of supply; U. S. defense expeditor W. Harriman; British Field Marshal Sir John Dill; British Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound; Vice Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten of the commandos and Lieut. Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, chief of staff to the chief of the British Ministry of Defense.

Prisoners and booty were taken at Kastornaya, 48 miles west of Voronezh, where the railway to Kastornaya crosses the north-south line between the Moscow-Rostov and the Moscow-Kharkov roads, the special bulletin said.

The fallen town is 22 miles north of Gorkshechanay, the capture of which was announced a day earlier.

## Town 80 Miles From Kursk Falls

(Moscow, Friday, Jan. 29 (UPI))—Soviet shock forces have captured the big railroad junction of Kastornaya 80 miles east of Kursk, a special communiqué said today, and front dispatches reported that mutiny had broken out among the last of the German troops trapped at Stalingrad.

The right wing of Col. Gen. Philip Golikov's army of the Voronezh Front yesterday crushed German resistance at Kastornaya, after a determined assault. The High Command announced. Its fall laid open the railway line westward to Kursk, key bastion 125 miles north of Kharkov.

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REPORT MUTINIES

Meanwhile reports from Stalingrad said mutiny a German troops facing death in the fast constricting Soviet noose there were surrendering in wholesale lots.

Four Nazi general, three colonels, four lieutenants colonels, other high officers and thousands of hunger-tired troops gave up the fight in defiance of orders to resist to the end. Soviet spokesmen reported.

Only a few thousand Germans remained of the army numbering 220,000 when it was trapped. They were squeezed in two strangling circles of Soviet steel, and their ranks were fast shrinking.

Red Star, the Soviet Army journal, said the bulk of the doomed Germans had been mopped up. Soviet explosives are turning into blazing infernos the buildings still held by the remnants, it added.

The High Command reported Thursday that German resistance was weakening in the pocket near the central part of Stalingrad and the number of prisoners taken by the Red Army was growing hourly.

Mutiny was sweeping the despairing Nazis almost as fast as death, the Soviets reported, and the German situation appeared to be rapidly becoming a race between surrender and extermination.

They made another attempt and this time the Germans did not fire. Through field glasses the Red Army men could see their emissaries approach the German lines. They were blindfolded and led to headquarters.

They returned at the end of the day with Gen. Frederick von Paulus' refusal to surrender.

That night Soviet loudspeakers repeatedly warned the Germans to sensible and surrender but a dead calm reigned over the enemy, the newspaper said. The Soviet artillery gave the signal for a final assault with one of the greatest barrages in the memory of older officers.

The Soviet infantry advanced the next morning. As the troops moved forward they passed through fields strewn with German dead. Soon long columns of prisoners began to move eastward.

Large numbers of German planes were found abandoned. They estimated that they passed 8,000 abandoned vehicles at one place.

Red Star, official army newspaper, reported that the decisive point was reached in the Stalingrad campaign when Soviet troops captured Cumrak, where the Germans had their last landing field in the area. The Germans surrendered only after losing 2,500 men in counter-attacks.

The captain of one bomber said the fires started by the bombs, which included a large number of two-ton "block busters," gradually merged into a vast area of flame.

Six bombers were lost in the raid, the 51st of the war on the western Germany RhineLand city but the first since last Sept. 10. The first raiders over Dusseldorf last night encountered intense anti-aircraft fire, but it dwindled as the raid progressed and stopped altogether before the last bomb had fallen.

Very few night fighters were seen.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Jan. 28—Cheering delegates to the Cleveland Industrial Union Council last night hailed President Roosevelt's North African declaration for attack in all theaters of war and wired their pledge to expand production to meet the needs of continental invasion.

## Axis Divisions on The Eastern Front

By a Veteran Commander

We have been trying to figure out for many months the number of Axis divisions engaged on the Eastern Front. Our guess, you will remember, was that there were about 250. It appears that there were 240. Excuse it, please!

Of these 240 divisions there were 22 Rumanian, 13 Hungarian, 10 Italian, 14 Finnish, one Slovak and one Spanish (the Blue Division made up of a collection of Francist pimps, mostly). Thus there were 61 satellite divisions and 179 German divisions.

Of these, from Nov. 19, 1942, to Jan. 26, 1943, 102 divisions were shattered (the Stalin order of the day apparently used the word "rasbity" which in military terms means "defected," but also means "shattered," "broken"). Of course this does not mean that these divisions do not exist. As a matter of fact as long as a division keeps its staff and number, it can always be reconstituted. It may not be what it used to be (like the Old Gray Mare), but it will still be the "N-th Division."

Of these 102 defeated divisions 18 were Rumanian, nine Hungarian, 10 Italian, making a total of 37 satellite divisions broken. At the same time, there were 65 German divisions defected. Thus more than half of the satellite divisions which were on the Soviet front have suffered disaster and the same thing has happened to a little over one-third of the German divisions.

No wonder Hitler has been combing and denuding Western Europe of all German divisions which he can spare and thus has found help and solace from the Tunisian climate which for almost three months has prevented the Allies from creating there a sufficiently imminent threat to force him to do the opposite, i.e., to shift divisions FROM the Eastern Front, instead of shifting them TO that front.

The Red Army is pushing toward the Maikop oilfields from the Black Sea region. The Germans have called in all available ships to the eastern coast of that sea, which may mean that they have decided upon the evacuation of the Caucasus. For such a purpose they could use the port of Novorossiisk and several small ports, such as Anapa, Temriuk, Akhtari, Yeisk. But most of these have but very limited facilities and are on the Sea of Azov where the maneuvering of a flotilla would be very difficult under the onslaught of the Soviet Air Force. As to Novorossiisk the reader will remember that the Soviet forces are holding the promontory south of the port (the Cement Works) and can shell the port quite effectively.

Fighting is spreading to the northwest of Voronezh which means that at least the southern part of the Central Front (known as the Bryansk Front) may be becoming involved in the huge offensive.

At Stalingrad the few thousand remaining Germans are weakening with every hour. However, the main objective has been achieved: the entire railroad nexus has been cleared and the bulk of General Rokossovsky's army group is free to move on to the crucial arc running roughly along the bend of the Donets. In this connection it must be remembered that it will take a few days to regroup these armies for their new tasks.

United States planes operating in the Pacific shot down two Japanese aircraft near enemy-occupied Wake Island. In the Solomons U.S. planes attacked a new enemy air base on Ballale Island (Shortland Isles).

U.S. troops have improved their position in central Tunisia and it is possible that they will attempt to cut the coastal road over which Rommel is supposed to be speeding (personally, we would be willing to change the tense of that verb to the past).

## ANOTHER SUBMARINE TO HIT THE AXIS



LATEST ADDITION TO THE U.S. submarine fleet, the *Pargo* is shown hitting the water during her launching at an east coast yard. Miss Belle Baruch, daughter of Bernard M. Baruch, sponsored the new craft.

## Pole Guerrillas Blow Up Nazi Troop Train

BERNE, Jan. 28 (ICN).—Since Jan. 15 the whole of Poland was swept by unprecedented raids. In Warsaw alone several thousand persons, irrespective of age, were detained in three days.

Inhabitants were taken from their homes and arrested on the streets and driven to recruiting stations, whence they were sent in an easterly direction. All of this is being carried out under the Gestapo and Elite Guard.

But the activity of the Polish guerrillas has intensified. Acts of sabotage and attacks on the German occupation authorities and their Polish henchmen are increasing.

A troop train ready to pull out was blown up at Cracow station on Dec. 29, and four trains carrying war supplies were wrecked in the Lublin area the night following Dec. 31.

German air Colonel Werner was killed in Cracow on Dec. 22, and on Dec. 24 in the same city grenades were hurled into the German cafes "Tsiganeria," "Pavilion" and "Bianca," killing 11 Germans, and wounding nine seriously.

A cavalry guerrilla detachment occupied the town of Ostrow Szlaski.

Another guerrilla detachment occupied the town of Klinow, annihilating the police garrison, destroying the administration premises and the post office.

Polish peasants of the Lublin region are being exterminated en masse by way of the so-called resettlement.

In December the local authorities of Ostrzeszow province received orders to carry out a similar "resettlement." They sent the able-bodied part of the population to Germany, and the rest to the notorious concentration camp in Treblinka.

Danes Resist Slave Labor In Germany

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 28.—The number of Danish workers employed in enterprises in Germany is no more than 30,000 to 35,000, despite an intense recruiting campaign, reports received here state.

An unemployed Dane, says the Swedish newspaper *Aftonbladet*, must really possess a resolute character when he refuses to go to work in Germany, inasmuch as that would enable him to send home 250 Danish kroner monthly.

True, not Germany but Denmark herself has to bear the burden. In accordance with the terms of the clearing agreement between Germany and Denmark, the payment to families of Danes working in Germany is to be made by the Danish national bank.

Germany's debt to Denmark on this agreement has already reached between two and three hundred million kroner.

## U-BOAT CREW GETS TASTE OF OWN MEDICINE

## Tom Paine: Scourge of Appeasers

Today is the birthday of Thomas Paine, one of the founders of our country. Paine was born in England, at Thetford, Norfolk, on Jan. 29, 1737. On Oct. 30, 1776, he arrived in Philadelphia. From his pen came the most stirring calls to action of the American Revolution.

Below we reprint a few excerpts from Paine's "Crisis," written on a drum-head by campfire while Paine was accompanying General Washington's forces in the retreat across New Jersey. Written on Dec. 19, 1776, the words still ring with the unconquerable spirit of our nation and its people.

These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: 'Tis dearest only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to set a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as freedom should not be lightly rated.

Whether the Independence of the Continent was declared too soon, or delayed too long, I will not now enter into as an argument; my own simple opinion is that had it been eight months earlier, it

would have been much better. We winter, neither could we, while we were in a dependent state. However, the fault, if it were one, was all our own; we have none to blame but ourselves.

I have as little superstition in me as any man living, but my secret

opinion has even been, and still is, that God Almighty will not give up a people to military destruction, or leave them unsupported to perish, who had so earnestly and so repeatedly sought to avoid the calamities of war, by every decent method which wisdom could invent.

I call not upon a few, but upon all; not on this State or that State, but on every State; up and help us; lay your shoulders to the wheel; better have too much force than too little, when so great an object is at stake. Let it be told to the future world, that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive, that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet and to repulse it. See not that thousands are gone, turn out your tents of thousands; throw not the burden of the day upon Providence, but "shear your faith by your works," that God may bless you. It matters not where you live, or what rank of life you hold, the evil or the blessing will reach you all. The far and the near, the home counties and the back, the rich and the poor, will suffer or rejoice alike. The heart that feels not now, is dead: The blood of his children shall curse his cowardice, who shrinks back at a time when a little might have saved the whole, and made them happy.

By perseverance and fortitude we have the prospect of a glorious issue; by cowardice and submission, the sad choice of a variety of evils.

Paine, in short, was the irreconcilable foe of the cliques which were ready to compromise with evil and tyranny because they feared the common people. Tom Paine was the political voice of Jefferson and Washington against the appeasers and negotiated peace soundbites of 200 years ago. We salute Tom Paine today. His message was never timelier.



TOM PAINE

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The spirit of Tom Paine lives again in America. It burned brightly in the hearts of the young Americans who, in the Lincoln Brigade, went to meet the Nazi criminals face to face in Spain.

It inspires the Americans today in the foxholes of the Far East, in North Africa. Was it not a natural thing that the Red Army soldiers should have had the words of Tom Paine read to them in Stalingrad during the hour of its greatest agony? That is what happened.

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## Chileans Rally Unitedly Behind Split With Axis

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 28.—Chile's break with the Axis powers last week was completely approved by all democratic sections of the population, as a survey of opinions from political figures and diverse leaders shows.

Senator Marmaduke Grove, general secretary of the Socialist Party, declared: "The rupture fulfills the wishes long expressed by the Chilean people and reveals their democratic spirit. If it brings war, we shall know how to face it with virility and firmness."

Secretary Ibanez, of the General Confederation of Workers (CTCH), commented: "The government's decision corresponds to the deepest desires of the Chilean workers. For months we have campaigned among the general public for this step. It now gives us the historic attitude which is the natural consequence of our democratic tradition."

In the opinion of Carlos Contreras Labarca, general secretary of the Communist Party, "the fundamental task is that of national unity; that of mobilizing the entire country to strengthen national defense, to develop our economy in order to supply our people with the necessities of life, contribute more effectively to the war forces of the United Nations, maintain and broaden internal democracy and social conquests."

PEOPLE DEMONSTRATE

Many popular demonstrations followed the announcement of the rupture with the Axis. Through the streets of the capital groups of civilians and soldiers marched, cheering Chile and the United Nations. A large meeting supporting the government policy was held today under the sponsorship of all anti-Nazi forces.

In the important iron and coal center of Lota a meeting, organized to support the government's action, was prohibited by the military authorities under the emergency decree covering that zone.

The workers appealed to the executive power. Morales Beltram, Minister of the Interior, immediately informed the military authorities in command of Lota that the state of emergency decree was to be applied only to repress Fifth Column activities and that the workers' meeting should be authorized.

The entire press approves the government's break with the Axis. El Siglo comments: "The always-mobilized people will build national anti-Nazi unity in order to give formidable support to the government, aiding it in solving our difficult problems in the supreme interest of the country, America and the whole civilized world."

In the opinion of El Mercurio, "the break must be to the benefit of democratic ideals and an instrument with which to obtain the triumph of justice for the life of all humanity."

URGES UNITY

La Hora called on all Chileans to unite around President Juan Antonio Ríos against whatever danger might arise.

La Opinion said that "our brothers throughout America" now have a new demonstration of the feelings of solidarity which the Chilean government and people have always felt for them.

Meanwhile, the Chilean Communist Party opened a special meeting with a report by the general secretary, Carlos Contreras Labarca, which was broadcast throughout the country.

He affirmed his support of the break with the Axis and outlined measures for preventing Fifth Column activity and a program for consolidating the national economy and strengthening of the country's defenses.

The national congress of the Socialist Party opened its sessions in Rancagua, on Jan. 22. A specially-delegated delegation from the Communist Party attended.

## Adm. Halsey Hits Slander At Seamen

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## Nazis Drafting 15 Year Olds

For this story by Attorney General Biddle and we expect every newspaper that printed the original falsehood to give Admiral Halsey's statement, in the spirit of fair play, equal prominence and to run it full.

The original story, copyrighted, appeared in the Akron Beacon Journal. It was based on statement of unnamed "marines." Press services picked it up and newspapers spread it across front pages from coast to coast. Interest cooled in the story when Lieut. Col. Lewis B. Fuller of the Marines, just from Guadalcanal, declared no such incident had occurred.

The union wired Attorney General Biddle and President Roosevelt a demand for an investigation of the source of the story.

## 15 Days in a Tank Surrounded by Nazis, 4 Soviet Fighters Stick It Out Until Rescued at Stalingrad

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, Jan. 28.—How four Red Army tankmen who had broken through the Nazi lines, stuck it out in their tank for 15 days until the Red Army offensive rescued them was told the other day in a report by the commander of a tank unit on the Central Front.

Four tankmen—Lieutenant Saloshenko, Senior Sergeant Michael Nosenko and Sergeant Alexei Roshchupkin and Peter Guskov—at the head of a small detachment, pierced the enemy's fortifications. The infantry, following on tank-drawn sledges, engaged the Hitlerites in street fighting.

From their cover behind buildings, German anti-tank guns opened heavy fire. Saloshenko's tank destroyed an enemy battery and two dugouts, and set fire to a tractor and several barrels of gasoline.

The day drew to a close and their shells were giving out. Saloshenko decided to wind up by crushing a German gun which had been firing persistently at the Soviet infantry.

Suddenly his tank slid down a steep incline and came to a halt. It had dropped into a deep shell crater.

Efforts to get the tank out of the crater proved futile. The crew

wait for the infantry. However, in the morning they found they were right near the walls of a strongly fortified enemy support point. The tall walls might prevent the enemy from getting at them.

The street-by-street battle went on with greater violence. Met with heavy fire from dugouts and fortified buildings, the Soviet infantry was compelled to halt its advance. The fighting was going on about a mile or less from where the tank was stuck.

The days went by. The hungry men grew weaker, but their spirit never weakened.

On the morning of the 16th day the Soviet infantry broke the stubborn enemy resistance, and the tankmen were saved.

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We wonder whether our own ambassador's face was red at Franco's tender emotions for Hitler?

Then Franco continues: "Our nation is proud of the fact that Spanish blood flows mingled with yours in this noble enterprise . . ."

In offering the loyal collabora-

tion of my government to the sacrifice of your nation, Mr. Ambassador, I wish to transmit my most sincere wishes for the greatness and future of your nation, and for the personal happiness of your Chancellor."

So spoke Franco to Hitler's ambassador in Spain.

We wonder whether our own ambassador's face was red at Franco's tender emotions for Hitler?

How long does the United States continue to remain unashamed at our recognition of Franco, enemy of the United Nations?

1. Mobilization of the entire country regardless of age or sex for extraordinary war exertions, including large scale conscription of youths into the army and women into the navy.

2. Institution of martial law to head off possible internal risings.

The Spanish people," said Franco, "in these days when the greatest battle in history against the barbaric Communism of the East has unfolded itself, does justice to the heroism and sacrifices of the German people and to the fateful decision of your Chancellor to make a stand against the Bolshevik power until it is destroyed."

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tion of my government to the sacrifice of your nation, Mr. Ambassador, I wish to transmit my most sincere wishes for the greatness and future of your nation,

## Women to Hear Gurley Flynn Sat.

Women who want to keep prices down and mothers who want nurseries for their children so that they can work in war industry will be present at a Bronx meeting Saturday afternoon on How Women Can Speed Victory. The gathering will be held at the Concourse Paradise, 2413 Grand Concourse.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the Communist Party national committee and fighter for nurseries and war jobs for women, will be the main speaker.

The meeting which will be a mobilization for a Communist Party mass recruiting drive now under way, is under the auspices of the Bronx County Committee.

## YCL Offers Plan to Cut Delinquency

The best way to combat juvenile delinquency now on the rise in New York City is to help young men and women understand their stake in the war and let them make their proper contribution to the defeat of Hitlerism.

This is the substance of a communication sent to Mayor LaGuardia and City Council members by the Young Communist League yesterday. Outlining a program for increased educational, recreational and war service activities, the League called for the immediate integration of youth in the war effort.

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## Nab 3 Escaped Soldier Prisoners

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass., Jan. 28 (UPI).—Three soldier prisoners who escaped from a Camp Edwards outpost yesterday after slugging their guard were recaptured by military police today while trudging along railroad tracks about 20 miles west of this camp.

The capture took place in the lonely, wooded Tremont section of West Wareham, near the border of South Middleboro.

## Communist Seamen to Open Clubroom Here Tomorrow Night

A swanky clubroom is being opened tomorrow, Saturday, night by the Seamen's Branch of the Communist Party, Waterfront Section, Port of New York, at 200 W. 135th St., corner of Seventh Ave. It will be known as the Uptown Seamen's Club.

The large room now being remodeled and fitted with soft chairs, tables, reading lamps, pictures, bookshelves and books, was donated to the Communist seamen and their friends by the Upper Harlem

## State Hospital Critically Understaffed

By Dorothy Loeb

Confirmation of charges of shocking conditions in New York's 18 state hospitals for the insane, exposed in yesterday's Daily Worker, came last night from Dr. R. E. Blaisdell, medical superintendent of Rockland State Hospital.

Samuel H. Rosen, director of the newly-formed Association for the Improvement of Conditions in State Mental Hospitals, made public a letter from Dr. Blaisdell, written to the association offices at 261 Broadway, New York.

The superintendent confirms association charges of critical personnel shortages and gives his support to a program for overtime pay and a higher schedule of wages to attract dependable newcomers to take the posts of attendants and guards taken by the draft or gone to join war industry.

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## Ask State Maintain Level of School Aid

ALBANY, Jan. 28 (UPI).—The Legislature was asked today to maintain state aid for education at the same level as last year and to overlook the decline of 50,000 student enrollments in New York City.

Under the present setup state appropriations for education is based upon the actual attendance during the school year.

The measure was introduced by Assemblyman Louis W. Olliffe, Kings County Republican.

Continuing appropriations at the same amount, Olliffe said, would "make it possible to reduce the large sized classes which do not permit adequate opportunity for individualized instruction."

Olliffe said New York City's local taxing powers have been "fully exhausted."

Other bills introduced would:

Eliminate physical requirements in civil service promotion examinations.

Create the office of public defender in New York City and permit supervisors in other counties of more than 200,000 to establish similar offices for persons charged with crime and without funds to employ counsel.

The lecture is being held under the auspices of the New York Workers School. It begins at 2:30.

Olliffe, state secretary of the Communist Party of New York, will speak the following Saturday, Feb. 6, at the same hour and place, on "War Economy and Victory." Admission to both lectures is 50c, single lecture 35c.

## East Side Communists To Open Club

The Communist Club, 201 Second Ave., 8th A.D. Manhattan, will launch the most beautiful political club rooms on the East Side, with an elaborate program of entertainment, music, refreshments and dancing on Saturday night, Jan. 30.

Many stellar theatrical personalities in the progressive movement are expected to make an appearance. Many prominent Communist leaders will also greet this official opening.

The opening of these spacious club rooms marks a new era in Communist Party relationship with the voters of the East Side. Never before have we been able to welcome our neighbors with the conviction that our headquarters will meet the most exacting tastes.

This dance to which the neighborhood people are expected to respond will enable the leaders of the club to show and personally escort their friends through the new center.

Of particular interest will be the lending library, the classroom and the convenient meeting arrangements, for the program of war activities, knitting circle, and OCD training courses contemplated by the club in the coming period.

## Sailors Wives Feel Rising Living Costs

Mrs. Alice Neville, treasurer of the New York Women's Auxiliary, National Maritime Union, said yesterday that "the womenfolk" of merchant seamen had a special interest in this coming Sunday afternoon's emergency action conference on the high cost of living in Harlem.

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## Whitney Warns: Tories Gunning to Crush Labor

A sharp warning of the danger to the win-the-war movement involved in attacks on labor was brought to New York Wednesday night by A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Mr. Whitney, a guest speaker before the Newspaper Guild of New York, cited the continued activities of the Dies Committee, failure to abolish the poll tax and threatening legislative blitzkriegs against labor and social progress, as limitations on the nation's united victory drive.

The railroad labor leader spoke in a serious vein, reviewing provocations by the National Association of Manufacturers and individual employers, and pointing to conditions under which, he said, "patriotic men may be goaded to the point of desperation."

### SAYS LABOR SEEKS UNITY

Later, when union newspaper men and women asked him questions, Whitney spoke with satisfaction of the steps toward labor unity now being approached by AFL and CIO. "The membership wants this unity among labor and will support it," he said.

"This unity will give labor a united stand and will help it in its fight against its enemies."

Mr. Whitney called for vigorous trade union action to combat those who would undermine labor legislation, limit social security, and sabotage the Administration's foreign policies.

The effect of Miss Perkins' new interpretation appears to be that the period of consecutive employment must take place within a given calendar week before the premium pay would apply.

Under her interpretation, a man could work as many as 12 consecutive days without getting double time. If he had Monday off, he could work the next six days of that calendar week, then work the first six days of the succeeding week and take the seventh off. His score for overtime pay, as estimated by the Secretary of Labor under these conditions, would be zero.

### CUTS WAGES

The first result of Miss Perkins' interpretation, if it is applied, would be to reduce earnings. Under former interpretations, double-time pay was required for any seventh consecutive day unless some other schedule mutually satisfactory to employer and employee was worked out.

In a number of instances, after the President's Executive Order was issued originally, management rearranged working schedules precisely to avoid overtime payments.

At the Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation in Laurel Hill, Queens, the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, CIO, was able to win \$8,000 in back pay for members who had been put on such a schedule. The payment had been ordered by the War Labor Board.

The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO union with thousands of members in important war plants, also met this issue in its dealings with employers and fought to maintain the payments for consecutive employment irrespective of the calendar week.

Labor leaders declined to comment on Miss Perkins' interpretation today, explaining that they considered it advisable to study it and consult with their executive boards.

## 'Little Steel' Pay Inadequate--UAW

DETROIT, Jan. 28.—The "Little Steel" wage formula, limiting wage increases to 15 per cent above January, 1941, standards was today declared by the United Automobile Workers, CIO, as inadequate in face of an actual living cost rise of 30 per cent in that period.

It was indicated that the demand would be put in resolution form when the CIO Executive Board meets in Washington Feb. 5 to formulate a new wage policy.

R. J. Thomas, UAW president and a member of the War Labor Board, said the present wage determination formula "must be abandoned at once" and replaced by "a realistic formula recognizing an advance of at least 30 per cent in the cost of living since Jan. 1, 1941."

"The Little Steel formula has never been a fair means of deciding what are proper wage increases because it is based on a percentage," Thomas asserted. "The new formula should be worked out on a basis whereby workers would be able to negotiate for and obtain increases based on a specific amount per week..."

## Stimson Says 'Nisei' Group Can Join Army

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP)—Plans have been completed for admission of a "substantial number" of additional American citizens of Japanese ancestry into the United States Army on a volunteer basis, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today.

The arrangements were made at the request of many Americans of Japanese ancestry, he said.

Facilities for their induction will be opened throughout the country, including the war relocation centers and in Hawaii. No individual will be induced if any doubt exists as to his loyalty.

Upon induction the "Nisei"—American-born citizens of Japanese descent—will begin training as a combat team that will include infantry, artillery, engineers and medical personnel.

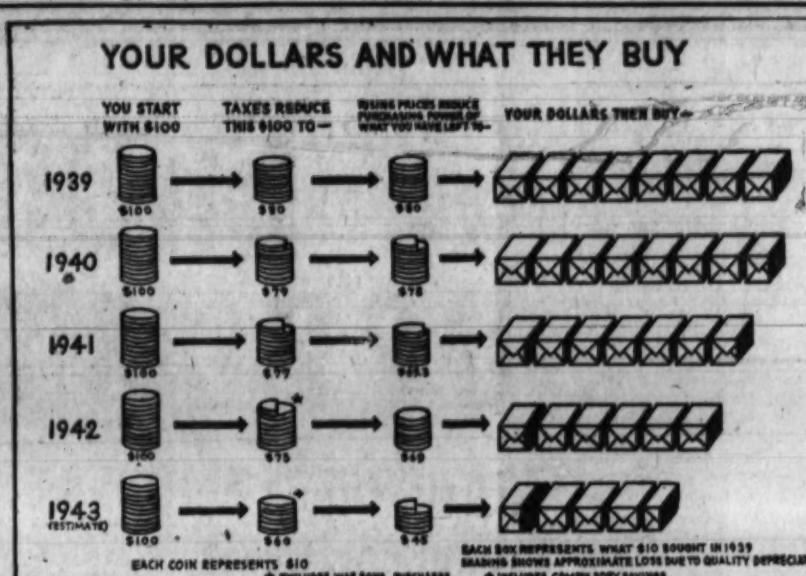
The signers of the conference call include leading AFL and CIO trade unionists, as well as officers of German-American organizations here.

The following have already the conference:

Steel workers CIO: Herman Staufsky, president Local 2287.

Auto CIO: Richard E. Reisinger, regional director, Mathew J. Meier, international representative.

Painters AFL: William H. Meier,



## Win-War Slate Triumphs in Wright Plant Union Election

(Special to the Daily Worker) PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 28.—The "Unity Progressive" ticket of Local 669, United Automobile Workers, which consists of employees of Wright Aeronautical plants, won almost every post in elections held yesterday and Tuesday.

The ticket, headed by Albert Capone, its candidate for president, campaigned on a comprehensive win-the-war program designed to make the union, soon expected to include all of the company's 27,000 workers, a big progressive force in New Jersey.

The elected leadership aims to unite the entire membership which is already past the 10,000 mark, to back fully the program to which it is committed.

The others elected with Capone are George Trenter, financial secretary; Mickey Juliano, sergeant-at-arms, and Wallace Cottles, guide. The last is a Negro.

A vice-president and trustee was elected for each of the six plants of the company. They were respectively vice presidents and trustee, Plant 1, Don Altieri and Frank Oleski; Plant 2, Eugene Zotto and Bingo Scott; Plant 3, Edward Peterson and Jack Fruitt.

Mr. Whitney listed among the conditions which "goad" patriotic men to desperation reactionaries' attempts to block free union organization, and relaxation of safety regulations, which he said hit the railroads particularly.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, by its Service Order No. 85, he said, has knocked out the Arizona Train Limit Law, and vigorous efforts are being made to destroy full crew laws in many states where these laws exist.

Train limit and full crew laws are vitally important safety measures. When it is considered that every car in a train has many points of potential danger, such as dragging brake beams, hot boxes, shifting loads within a car, any one of which may cause a Geraldine, a serious wreck, it is stupid to contend that long trains are not hazardous.

The railroad leader charged that the issued involved in this form of attack "is profits to stockholders versus safety to the traveling and shipping public."

Mr. Whitney's reference to anti-poll tax legislation was made in a discussion of other factors limiting the war effort. Factors which he characterized as attempts by reactionary influence "to tear down at home that for which we are fighting on battlefields of the world."

"Due to the disgraceful episode that took place in the United States Senate," he said, "ten million American citizens are still disenfranchised by the poll tax."

### Chicago Rail Group Urges FEPC Be Firm

(Special to the Daily Worker) CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Protesting the postponement of the Fair Employment Practices Committee hearing on discrimination in the railroad industry, the Chicago Committee on Railroad Employment today wrote War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, urging him to reconsider the order of postponement.

At the same time, the Chicago Committee called on members of the FEPC to stand together and carry the issue to President Roosevelt. The Chicago Committee on Railroad Employment, composed of railroad workers, Negro and white, from many branches of work and a number of different unions, was organized last summer to fight for equal rights in the railroads.

"The WPA's haste in breaking up these valuable community services with their 1,000 classes, before city and state can even act to take over," stated Louis Partow, Secretary of the Emergency Committee, "is not only brute unreason but a blow at community war morale which is spreading confusion and disorder among 30,000 adult students, half of whom are foreign born. Some measure of the Administration's mentality is seen by their statements which insist that the Board of Education assented to the Feb. 1 closing. I have a letter from Dr. John E. Wade, Superintendent of Schools, dated Jan. 21, which says, 'We are all interested in the values of this project, and I certainly approve of another at-

tempt to have the life of the project extended until April 1.'

## 'Helsinki Our Foe,' Finn Labor Leader Broadcasts

(Special to the Daily Worker) DULUTH, Jan. 28.—The quickest way to get Finland to break with Hitler is through an immediate American declaration of war, R. W. Hanson, secretary of the National Committee of Finnish-American Trade Unionists, declared in a speech just made public here.

A categoric American declaration would strengthen the peace forces inside Finland and make their policies prevail over those of "pro-Nazi traitors," Hanson asserted.

His speech, delivered at the first national conference of American trade unionists of Finnish descent, held here Sunday, reviewed recent American-Finnish relations, and called for united action behind a policy that will hasten peace for Finland.

Also Fred Heinz, treasurer, BILDUNGS-VEREIN-ELTRACHT; Max Berger, secretary (Eastern Lake District) Federation of Workers' Singing Societies of America; Ernest Wagenknecht, chairman and August Ruedy, secretary of the German-American Cultural League; Valentine Bley, Secretary Eintracht Singing Society.

DEMANDS BREAK

Friendship and sympathy for the Finnish people compel a break with lenient policies of the past, Hanson declared.

"We have reached a point in this war of survival where we can no longer afford to be soft, lenient or indifferent toward any country

which is aligned in the camp of our enemies," he said.

He recalled how efforts to win a governmental change by persuasion had been rebuffed and disclosed that "typical Nazi repression" had been invoked against Finnish people who tried to bring their leaders to their senses.

"Six members of Parliament who opposed the alignment with the Nazis were imprisoned and drastic measures were taken to suppress all internal opposition," Hanson asserted.

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HELSINKI TOASTS JAPAN

Those who didn't understand Finland's official tilt with Hitler before Dec. 7, had the whole matter clarified when State Department announcements disclosed how Mannerheim government officials had boasted America's betrayal of Finland.

"Now the whole Finnish issue is before us in the sharpest form," he commented.

The American people have been

## Early Transit Hearing Urged

Citing the increasing restlessness among transport workers, the Transport Workers Union yesterday wired an appeal to the Mayor's committee studying the city's transit situation, to hold its first public hearings next week.

The telegram addressed to Dean Ignatius M. Wilkinson, son of Fordham University Law School who is chairman of the Mayor's committee, was sent by Michael J. Quill and Douglas MacMahon, respectively, presidents of the Transport Workers' Union and its New York local.

### UNREST CONTINUES

In the meantime, more short protest stoppages were reported yesterday, this time along the Independent System, as the workers of that line received their pay envelopes. The same discriminatory policy of handing out meager raises to only certain employees was found in their cases.

Describing its difficulties in preventing the stoppages from assuming still more serious proportions, the telegram to Wilkinson said:

"The TWU has succeeded in persuading all employees to return to work by assuring them that your committee will undoubtedly give serious study to the wage question and to make appropriate findings and recommendations thereon, after affording the TWU adequate opportunity to present its views on these and other questions underlying employee-management relations on the New York City Transit System."

"In view of the fact that the most immediate concern of the employees is that of their wages we respectfully urge your committee to give first consideration to that question."

"Inasmuch as the people of the city have vital interest in the conduct and outcome of the study which the mayor has asked your committee to make, we assume that the committee will hold public hearings on all the matters submitted to it at which both the Transport Workers Union and the Board of Transportation will be afforded opportunity to present these relevant facts. We shall indeed be grateful to you if you can arrange it so that the first public hearing could be held during the coming week."

### PRIDE WORKERS

New York President Douglas MacMahon of the TWU yesterday commended the transport workers for "responding to the call of the leaders of their union by staying on their posts despite Delaney's provocation."

John H. Delaney, Chairman of the Board of Transportation is charged with deliberately seeking to provoke the TWU into a strike in his attempt to discredit the union.

"They have read the union's leaflet," continued MacMahon, "and will not permit themselves to be provoked into any action detrimental to the city's transit system or to the nation's war effort."

The leaflet distributed among the transit workers declares that the "few pennies" Delaney gave them is only a "down payment" on a real wage increase."

"Delaney's only dim hope in avoiding a real wage increase is by disrupting our ranks. It is his hope to provoke some kind of strike action and in that way discredit the employees of the transit system and their Transport Workers Union in the eyes of the public," says the leaflet.

"Delaney knows that this growing public support is our strongest weapon in this fight. His only possibility of snatching victory from our grasp is by robbing us of the mighty support from the people."

"But we won't play into Delaney's hands. On the contrary we will continue to stymie everyone of his maneuvers. The Transport Workers Union is following a policy that will assure a real raise and fair deal to the transit workers."

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### Alaska Skipper



### Tokio Attacks U.S. Ships in Aleutians

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UPI)—Two Japanese planes attacked American ships west of U. S. positions in the Aleutian Islands today, but no damage was caused, the Navy announced today.

The Navy communiqué also disclosed that American ground forces on Guadalcanal, having mopped up enemy resistance at Kokumbona, are advancing west of the seaport village and have killed 40 more Japanese, taken five prisoners and some materiel.

The attack in the Aleutians was the first Japanese move against American shipping or positions in that area in many months. The westernmost American positions in the Aleutians are in the Andreanof Islands.



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## SPORT PARADE

By Jack Cuddy

Sal Bartolo of Boston came steaming into New York today with a mammoth chip on his shoulder, squired by Manager Lou Schiro, who has developed a blood pressure of 154. Despite the chip and the pressure, no one in Manhattan would have given either a tumble were it not for the fact that featherweights now seem to be the big-money boys in boxing.

Perhaps Bartolo and pilot Schiro are striking while the iron is hot—while 126-pounders have taken command of the ring—after being forgotten men of pugilism for six long years. Anyway Bartolo, a dark-haired Boston Italian claims that he can lick any featherweight in the world—and probably any lightweight.

Bartolo blew into New York for the sole purpose of looking down his somewhat battered nose at tomorrow night's 10-round battle at Madison Square Garden between Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., who is recognized in New York as featherweight champion, and Allie Stolz of Newark, N. J., who craves recognition as the No. 1 lightweight contender. Naturally this brawl is a non-title affair, since Stolz will scale about 133 pounds and Pep about 129.

Bartolo and pilot Schiro are not interested in those weight figures, but they drool when Mike Jacobs' drum beaters mention tomorrow night's probable gate—\$60,000, which is big money in any war-time ring.

A 3-A guy who is trying to support a wife, seven brothers, two sisters and recently widowed mother, Bartolo is out after the big dough and he can't understand the apparent campaign to ostracize him. He has 14 straight victories.

Bartolo claims that Chalky Wright, former featherweight king, "ran out" on last Friday's scheduled meeting in Boston. Wright's withdrawal, 48 hours before ring time, caused the substitution of a good Brooklyn lightweight, Carmine Fatta. Bartolo was so incensed at Wright that he knocked out the heavier Fatta in the second round.

Bartolo, stormy petrel of the featherweight division, is thrusting his nose into an interesting mess. Willie Pep is recognized as champion in New York state by virtue of his victory over Wright. But the National Boxing Association recognizes as champ Jackie Callura of Montreal because of his recent victory over Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson at Providence, R. I.

As Bartolo tries to wangle either Pep or Callura into the ring for a tit-for-tat, he discovers that (1) Callura is contracted to give Pittsburgh Wilson a return bout, but Callura's manager, Leo Bradley, is doing his best to evade such a meeting, and (2) Pep is angling for a bout with Callura to decide the disputed title.

Meanwhile, Bartolo, Boston's biggest boxing drawing card, is marking time while waiting for a break in New York Madison Square Garden. And he is awaiting bids from Boston's warring promoters, Rip Valenti of the Boston Arena, and Jack O'Brien of Mechanics' Building, both of whom are trying to arrange a match between Bartolo and Cleo Shans, Los Angeles featherweight.

"Bartolo will fight Shans for the Boston promoter who offers the best terms, but that's not what we want," Schiro said.

"Shans wants to get Chalky Wright in the ring and belt his brains out for taking that runout power. Then he wants Pep or Callura. He can lick both on the same night. We'll put up a \$25,000 side bet against either so-called champ if he'll climb into the ring with little Shans." (U.P.F.)

### NEW MASSES

## THE FUTURE OF GERMANY

Bruno Frei, noted German writer, considers the outlook for his native land on the 10th anniversary of the Hitler regime.

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### Furrier Cage Team Active

By Abe Newman

The dough went to the worthy infantile paralytic fund. The large crowd present at the proceedings in Manhattan Center saw a swell basketball game. But unlike their previous five contests this one did not wind up with a win for the Furrier's Joint Board Big Five.

Outplayed but not outgamed by a classier quintet representing the Hammerium Radio Corporation, the Fur Boys' victorious streak ended with them on the wrong side of a 45-38 point score.

Refereed by Mac Kinsbrunner, former St. John and Pro Jewel great, the playmaking of Hammerium's Sonny Woods and Centre Isles was a bit too tough a nut for the battling furrier's to crack.

This defeat, already forgotten, the boys who work in the fur shops during the day and play basketball nights are preparing for their Feb. 5 date with the fast Metropolitan Life Insurance Company five.

According to Jack Arra, Business Manager of Local 88 and manager of the fur team coached by CCNY's Ace Goldstein, Jim Crow takes another shelling when his players line up against the Insurance basketers.

"This is the first time to my knowledge," says Arra, "that Negro athletes will be seen in action on the 27th floor gym of the Metropolitan Insurance Company."

There are eight Negro boys in our outfit and we know they will be treated with the same spirit of fair play that is rapidly breaking down the foul discrimination against Negroes everywhere in American life.

"And don't forget," concludes Arra, "the spectators will be treated to the sight of the smallest Negro player in action in New York today. Our midget whirlwind stands all of four feet six inches small, his name is Pop McLaren" and to see him dribble the ball from under the noses of some of those six-foot huskies is a sight for sore eyes!"

Always ready to make any sacrifice for the war effort, the Furrier's Joint Board team is doing its part to entertain the men in the armed forces by scheduling games with soldier teams whenever possible.

representative, has been appointed Red Cross assistant field director at Camp Stoneman, Calif. Perazzo, native of San Francisco, was representative for the Photographers' Union and for the Printing Specialties and Paper Converters' Union. 362 for several years.

### Stolz and Pep Rated Even for Tonight's Battle at Garden

"A ring classic" is the way Walter St. Denis refers to the Madison Square Garden offering tonight involving Wee Willie Pep, world featherweight champion, and Allie Stolz, crack Newark lightweight, who meet in a contest scheduled for ten rounds.

Pep-Stolz, says St. Denis, reminds him of Leonard-Tender, Ritchie-Welsh, Delaney-Slattry, and other not-forgotten ring battles of the past.

Pep is making his first Garden appearance since he outpointed Chalky Wright last Nov. 20 to win the featherweight crown. The Hartford lad now boasts the astonishing total of 58 consecutive victories as a professional performer, a record unequalled by any boxer in modern ring history. The fighters were rated even money.

But Pep's streak is in jeopardy tonight. Never before has the Nutmeg State youngster opposed so formidable a foe as the New Jersey lightweight who, when he is mentally and physically "right" for a fight is just about the best lightweight in action today.

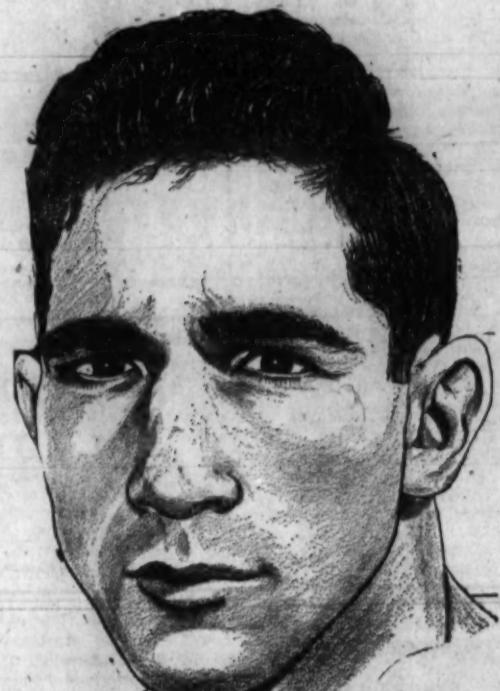
And Stolz, his friends would have you believe, is absolutely "right" for this evening's engagement. He is still mad at himself for the disappointing showing he made against Beau Jack at the Garden a few months ago, and he plans to take it out on Pep.

With the exception of a few days when he had to lay off training because of a slight stomach disorder, Stolz has prepared for five weeks for the Pep encounter. In the gym he has displayed superb form and he talks of "knocking out that kid," which in itself is unusual because Stolz is not ordinarily boastful.

Actually, the match tonight is considerably more important to Stolz than it is to Pep.

Even should he lose tonight Pep will still have the imposing record of 58 victories and one defeat.

For Stolz, however, tonight's contest is much more than a mere money match. It is a "career" match because the outcome will determine Allie's immediate ring future. Should he lose to Pep he may as well forget all about his



WILLIE PEP

hopes of gaining another crack at the world lightweight title. Indeed, should he fail to triumph over Pep, a featherweight, he may decide to quit the ring.

A victory will restore to Stolz some of the prestige he lost in being halted by Beau Jack. It will also help to reestablish him as an outstanding challenger for 135-pound division honors.

But through Stolz is a lightweight and Pep a featherweight, no more than four pounds should separate the two lads tonight. Pep weighed 129½ in defeating Billy Speary at Hartford last week. He

plans to weigh in at about the same figure. Stolz has been weighing in the neighborhood of 133 for

his recent fights and figures to hit around that mark at the weighing-in ceremonies at noon today.

Both Stolz and Pep are skillful boxers. Each, too, packs a solid wallop but Allie's punch is considered more potent than Willie's. Stolz is fast, but Pep is rated one of the speediest performers in the ring today. Chalky Wright who has faced both Stolz and Pep likes Pep's chances tonight mainly because of his superior speed.

Pep has no ball of fire in winning from Wright and he knows it. Consequently he hopes tonight to turn in one of his better performances to prove to Garden fans his rating as the "hottest" boxer in the ring today.

### LOWDOWN

Fine Fight on Tap Tonight at Garden and Pep Should Take It

NAT LOW

One of the most interesting fights in some time will take place at the Garden tonight when Allie Stolz and Willie Pep, two of the fastest and cleverest small men in the ring today tangle in what should be a furiously fought ten rounder.

Pep is the unbeaten featherweight champion of the world—Stolz one of the foremost lightweights in the division—and until his knockout defeat at the hands of Beau Jack—the outstanding contender for the crown.

These boys have so much in common and are so evenly matched in many respects that putting your finger on the winner is a mighty difficult and hazardous job.

On paper, I would say that Pep holds just a wee bit of an edge on his heavier opponent—but paper calculations often have a way of disappearing once the gong starts the battle.

Pep's main asset—and the reason for his stupendous record of never being defeated in 58 fights—is his terrific speed, his savvy and his ability to beat his opponents to the punch. When he took Chalky Wright's title he was incredibly fast and, as Chalky ruefully put it, "cute."

He moves to the right and left and in and out with wonderful ease and lack of effort. He will hit you with a left and then bop you with a right like a machine gun. Then a moment later he will be darting away, leaving you with your hands cocked but no target to let go at.

Stolz, on the other hand, possesses much the same weapons. He is likewise fast, clever and elusive. And he has the weight on Pep. But Allie's hands are not in very good shape—or at least they were not in good shape the night he was kayoed by Beau Jack. If his dukes hold up he should give more than a good account of himself.

Allie's greatest shortcoming, and a serious one at that, is his fragile make-up which leaves him open to easy injuries, cuts and bruises. His eyes cut easily, his bones fracture without apparent effort. This is a serious fault for a fighter to possess—the fight racket is tough, grueling and uncompromising.

Another thing we seemed to notice in Allie is his tendency to fight best while in front—but once he falls behind he seems to lose his patience and his coolness and becomes almost amateurish. Pep has none of this. Midway in the Chalky Wright fight he was behind on points, but he became neither desperate nor frantic. He coolly and calmly fought the battle he and his handlers had planned before the fight. That he was able to stick to his strategic plan of action is testimony to his unusual poise and coolness.

Some fight people seem to think that Pep cannot hit hard enough to upset a lightweight. This may be true, but there are some facts that should be pointed out. For one thing, we saw him kayo Frankie Franconeri in two minutes at the Garden one night, and the way he did it was sensational. Then in the Wright fight he never punched with Chalky because the Negro bantam could outhit him by far. Against light-hitting Stolz, however, he will not have to fear being floored and this will encourage him to tee off with a few belts of his own.

All in all it should be one helluva battle at 10 P.M. this evening.

If the boys are hot it should be faster than a Kansas cyclone.

And, if we may be so bold as to say, we like Pep to cop the duke. Not by much, that's true, but enough to win.

Now if only the boys will read today's "DAILY" our record for picking will be intact comes Saturday morning.

### Convalescents to Get Training

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—An arts and crafts unit to teach handicrafts to convalescents in Army and Navy hospitals has been created in the Volunteer Hospital and Recreation Corps of the American Red Cross it was announced here.

Units will start work in February at three New York hospitals, the United States Naval Hospital, Brooklyn; Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, and the United States Army Hospital, Fort Jay. Hospitals in other areas will have similar units on request of their commanding officers.

Training that appeals particularly to men will be offered, with activities suited to patients in bed or with limited strength. Volunteer artists will be selected by a committee in each area.

The Red Cross will supply materials but the men will own what they make and will be permitted to sell their products if they so desire.

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## CHANGE THE WORLD



Daily News Circulation Has  
Dropped 174,000 Since Last  
Year, But It's Not Enough

By MIKE GOLD

The mills of the gods grind slowly. Which in the case of the "Daily News" means that the people of New York have been slow, much too halfhearted slow, in discovering that this tabloid reeks of Hitlerism and brown skunk.

According to Bryce Oliver, radio Zarathustra who proclaims over WEVD, Colonel Patterson is probably preparing an alibi for Daily News losses in circulation and advertising.

Mr. Oliver reports that the brown tabloid lost some 112 per cent in circulation in one year—dropping 174,000 readers between December, 1941 and December last.

To hide this fact, the Colonel promptly waved a big American flag. He took our war against Hitler which he hates, loathes and sabotages, and pinned it like a flag over his commercial mudity and shame.

He made out he was happy as a sparrow picking tidbits around a hot racing stable. He dined a George M. Cohan in the pages of his paper. The fat old millionaire who hates democracy and the people of America, trilled "Hooyay! Hooyay for the war!" In order to save newsprint we ask all our readers to refrain from buying too many copies, but to pass one copy around among several friends."

Now never did a commercial paper ever make such a suicidal request of its readers in all the history of the black check. No money newspaper ever could bear to stop its own sales. The fat Colonel was in reality anticipating a defeat. He was alibing in advance for his advertisers who would be mad when they discovered that the Daily News was losing circulation.

He blamed it on the war, and struck a noble pose and quoted his noble attempt to help Roosevelt and the New Deal "dictatorship!"

Colonel Hitler is using the same technique on the German nation these days. There is some hard fighting going on at Stalingrad, he has just told the Aryan dopes of Germany. "Those mad Russians are massing all they have at Stalingrad. They will fail, of course. But it is a hard winter, and the Russians are crazy, and we are bound to meet a few slightly heavy losses which no one must exaggerate into a major defeat, or we will give him the axe." Yours truly, Colonel Patterson.

Hitler and the anti-Semites have frequently charged that every Jew is a genius, and so clever that he must be destroyed before his unfair competition destroys the Gentile.

This lie of the Nazi pathologists is instantly refuted when you realize that a million Jews probably buy the Daily News each day. This proves that they are very far from being clever. They are stupid, in fact. Anyone who fails to see a large, rusty trap laid plainly before his feet is a stupid and dangerous fool.

How can any Jew with an ounce of self-preservation or any instinct for democracy pay two cents to help a Nazi-minded sneak who preaches that Europe should be turned over to Hitler? No, it isn't clever to help the Brownshirts.

One can find for almost every editorial in the Daily News, its counterpart in Nazi newspapers and radio broadcasts. The Daily News is a continuation of Coughlin's "Social Justice," more skillful in its hypocrisy, less honest in its fascism. Coughlin at least was a noisy rattle-snake; but Patterson is a cobra, silent in his approach, striking at democracy while waving the American flag and quoting Jefferson and talking native slang and doing a lot of other fine imitations of an American.

The Daily News claims a circulation of three million readers. This defeatist rag circulates widely in the army camps. Its copperhead spirit infects New York with a poison that accounts for much passivity.

America, obviously, cannot win the war until all such copperhead journalism is suppressed. The Civil War went bad until Lincoln cracked down on exactly such enemies of the people. But maybe the people of New York will anticipate its government's actions by keeping its two daily pennies for fascism in the pocket.

## Whitney Art Joins The Metropolitan Institute of Art

The Metropolitan Museum of Art will take under its wing the Whitney Museum of American Art on Eighth Street, founded by late Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney. After the war it is planned to build a new wing to the Metropolitan to house American works of art in its own collections and 2,000 examples of American paintings, sculpture and prints acquired by the Whitney Museum at an estimated cost of \$500,000.

## Soviet Composers Honored by U. S. Institute of Art

Among the twenty representatives of the arts of foreign countries elected as honorary associates of the National Institute of Arts and Letters were such outstanding world figures as Prime Minister Winston Churchill and George Bernard Shaw of England, Villa Lobos of Brazil, Sigrid Undset of Norway and Serge Prokofiev and Dimitri Shostakovich of the Soviet Union.

## Daily Crossword Puzzle

(Released by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



## Soviet Women at the Fighting Front:

## Author of 'The Russian People' Describes The Real Heroines Who Inspired His Play

By Konstantin Simonov

One day—it was at the beginning of the war—I happened to meet on the western front near Moghilev, at the time when things were going hard with us, several commanders and men who only half a year ago had escaped from awful peril after having for several days on end, with unexampled courage, beaten off the attacks of the Germans and who, having lost three-quarters of their comrades, nevertheless held firm until help arrived.

When I talked with these men I spoke of their experiences very calmly and asked them what had supported their courage in that drastic ordeal (for their position was indeed desperate), one of the lieutenants said, "As to myself, there were several moments when I wanted to shoot myself because I was afraid of falling wounded into the enemy's hands, but shame held me back." "Shame?" I repeated inquiringly. "Yes, shame," he replied. "Do you see that girl sitting on the tree stump over yonder?"

"Yes, what of her?" "Well, it was because of her that I was ashamed to shoot myself. She was with us, you know."

"She was with us?" "Yes, that's our medical officer, Valentina Ivanovna, but everybody calls her Valya, for she's such a little thing, as you can see. She was with us and behaved so bravely that even the men who were wounded in the stomach and dying in torment, when she bent over them to tend to their wounds, gritted their teeth as they gazed into her face and didn't allow a groan to escape them."

"In the presence of a woman like that a man is ashamed not to be brave, do you understand?"

You cannot help being brave, even if in your heart of hearts you

## Needed Both Hands To Hold a Revolver

She told how (and others confirmed it) when men hesitated to climb out of their trenches, she crawled to the wounded man, banded them, and for all her frailty, brought them in; and how she fired at a German from her revolver and shot him when he rushed out at her while she was tending a wounded man. "Only, you know," she remarked, "I can't learn to fire the revolver with one hand. I have to use both hands to point it."

Yes, this was indeed a girl in whose sight one would be ashamed to be anything but brave. She was just an ordinary girl, simple, pretty and appealing; yet, I repeat, as I looked at her I understood that in the presence of such women men couldn't help being brave.

Several months later, during fighting in the Crimea, I met another girl—Pasha Anoshchenko—



A few of the brave Valyas, Pashas and Taisias whom Simonov met at the front and immortalized in his play, "The Russian People."

merry, and as though sitting in some photographer's studio in Moscow, she carefully powdered her nose and did her lips, and only then allowed herself to be photographed. There was infinite charm in this little personage, perhaps wish to take her picture, she sat

on a stump and rummaged for a long time in her medical kit, and at last pulled out a soiled, dusty looking powder-puff and lip-stick.

This 18-year-old southerner, who drove a motor-truck—this girl, under the heaviest fire, drove straight onto the battlefield to gather up the wounded, attached trench-mortars to her truck and trailed them up to the advanced trenches, and her machine was riddled all over from shell splinters.

And a few months later, still on the Rybachy Peninsula, in the far north, I met a girl whose job it was to evacuate the wounded, and who lived all alone among men on this remote corner of the front. One had to see to believe the fortitude, patience, and courage with which this solitary girl, living cut off from her sex and in stern conditions of the Arctic winter, performed her duties.

## Taisia Hauled Wounded On A Gig

Near Odessa I met another girl (I cannot recall her full name—they called her Taisia), a field-nurse who drove all alone up to the forward lines and back, bringing out the wounded on a gig—yes, on a gig, for she found that was the quickest way, although at risk to her own life by carrying blood-stained mangled sufferers to the rear. At her side she wore a medical kit, and at her feet lay a light machinegun.

Anybody who like myself, has spent the greater part of this war at the front might enumerate the endless list of similar girls he has met. The courage of women is the mighty force which often in most perilous situations is an inspiration to men, making them grit their teeth, suppress every manifestation of fear, and a behavior

staunchly to the end.

When in between two visits to the front I sat down to write my

play about this war—"The Russian People"—the images of these women I had met at the front involuntarily rose before my eyes. I felt urged, to the best of my ability, to describe them to people who have not been at the front, to show how fine they are, how brave, endearing, and worthy of all the love of which human hearts are capable.

The heroine of my play, "The Russian People," I named Anoshchenko, in memory of a girl I met in the Crimea. I only changed her first name, and call her Valya, instead of Pasha. In her, I combined the features of many women I have seen at the front—not only at the front. How many like them are there in the rear. How many have replaced their fathers, husbands, and brothers in the factories. How many suffer and wait. How much courage, loyalty, and moral strength does it require not to lose heart, and wait—to wait stubbornly, notwithstanding everything, to await the return of loved ones!

It was of these women who wait in the rear, who wait, although months pass without a letter—and although their hearts are sometimes filled with the darkest misgivings—these women for whom men will fight their way out of situations from which it would seem impossible to emerge alive—it was of these women I first wrote my poem "Wait For Me," and then the play of the same title.

Love is a mighty force. And with loyalty, fidelity, and nobility these women infuse new strength into our soldiers, inspire in them the endless list of similar girls he has met. The courage of women is the mighty force which often in most perilous situations is an inspiration to men, making them grit their teeth, suppress every manifestation of fear, and a behavior

staunchly to the end.

*(A second article by Simonov will appear in tomorrow's Daily Worker.)*

## Hollywood:

## Film Unions Push on in Plans For Industrial War Committee

By Virginia Warner

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 28.—Progress is being made on the formation of an industry-wide labor-management committee in Hollywood. Discussions have been going on in the independent guilds, and next step will probably be a mass meeting of the guild members. Projected plan calls for five producer representatives and five from the unions.

Screen Writers are solidly behind the move and would like to see Mary McCall, writer's proxy, as the Guild representative. She would have the assistance of a delegates council similar to the one which has been meeting to plan Guild participation in the committee—probably two delegates each from writers, editors, readers, publicists, directors and decorators.

Hollywood's labor-management committee is being formed with the understanding by all concerned that its tasks will be to aid in gearing the motion picture industry into wartime production and not the discussion of grievances by labor or management.

The conference of Studio Unions has called on the producers to meet with its representatives for prompt conclusion of a voluntary agreement on the 48-hour week prerequisite for declaring the movie industry essential.

Discussions which were held last week broke up because producers and three of the IATSE locals could not reach an agreement. Writers were behind the proposal by Ken Thompson, Actors' representative for salaries above the minimum now working usually 48 or more hours a week, get overtime after 36. They are willing to sign up for the 48-hour week, which starts overtime at 40 hours, but want a pay rise to compensate for the \$3.40 a week increase for hours between 36 and 40.

Producers insist that if this request were granted other unions would also want pay raises, so they refuse to consider the question. In the meantime an important step

## Radio News

Joseph Seigenthaler, Andor Fodor, Jane Cowell and Abram Chasins will star on the WQXR Treasury Concert this Sunday afternoon from 2 to 2:35. Congressman Emanuel Celler will be heard on WZN, Friday at 9:30 on the subject of the Nazi Jewish atrocities... Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Mr. Higginbotham's Catastrophe," frequently called the greatest mystery story ever written, will be read by Maurice Joachim on WZN's "To Be Continued" program.

A soldier who was wounded in the North African fighting, a young Negro private in the American army and other Americans now in Great Britain are interviewed by Bob Trout in London on Saturday, January 20, at 4:15 on WABC...

Bruno Walter conducts the New York Philharmonic Symphony in an all-Beethoven program, with Rudolf Serkin as soloist on Sunday at 3... Madeline Carroll will star in a new Arch Oboler radio drama, "Suffer Little Children," on WZN's "Cresta Blanca Carnival" program.

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## CLEAN-UP



## What's Delaney Up To?

THE stoppages in a number of departments of the city-owned transit lines gave further indication of the deep-seated resentment among the transport workers against the "penny raises" that the Board of Transportation has scattered among them in a discriminatory fashion.

It is only thanks to the patriotism of the Transport Workers Union's leaders, the bulk of the union membership and the confidence the leadership enjoys among the 32,000 workers, that the stoppages were prevented from flaring into something far worse. We feel confident that despite the continued provocations, the union leadership will exert all its influence to assure against repetition of stoppages which hurt the cause of the transport workers no less than the city and the war effort.

We don't know what is in the mind of Chairman John H. Delaney of the Board but there is something very suspicious about his actions. Every step he takes appears designed for provocation to bring about disruption of transit service and the war effort.

Take, for example, Mr. Delaney's latest. An estimated million dollars in wage raises (which is far below the needs to meet the rising cost of living) was distributed among the workers not according to any basis of skill, seniority or need. A penny or two an hour was thrown in for about 40 per cent of the workers. The rest received nothing. Two men work side by side, doing the same work. One received a raise, the other didn't. Neither skill nor seniority was a basis. Obviously, nothing but Mr. Delaney's hatred of the union and a desire to split the ranks of its members was the basis.

Not only the union and labor circles find the Transport Board's policy provocative. The War Labor Board, in its sharply-worded opinion termed Mr. Delaney's action just that. A similar view was expressed by the Citizens Transit Committee which is composed of a group of distinguished New Yorkers. They recommended arbitration.

By all the standards of common sense, the needs of the war and the commonly accepted procedure in thousands of cases annually, there seems no earthly reason why the city does not agree to arbitration.

In the meantime, the big question is: what is Delaney up to? His actions certainly raise the question of whether the city's nerve system could be entrusted in his hands, especially in these serious times.

The Mayor has said something about a "showdown." Yes, it is time for a showdown—a showdown between the people, the city administration and Delaney. We also need a showdown on the fundamental issue of whether the City of New York should be a sweat-shop employer. On the latter point, too, pressure comes from circles outside of labor. The City Council has passed a resolution for increases and more recently Manhattan Borough President Edgar J. Nathan has proposed a general 10 per cent wage rise. This issue which is of the greatest concern to all city employees, including the police, firemen and others, dictates the greatest support by all city employees and all the people.

## The POLITICAL SCENE

## Rum-ry and Knavery

By Milton Howard

A LITTLE noticed financial item in the United States Steel Corporation gives us another clue to the propaganda behind the Rum-ry tax plan.

It seems that this great monopoly had set aside enough money for the first nine months to pay its income taxes for the entire year. This left over a very large sum of money which had already been considered as having been spent; it was like found money.

Now, the fact of the matter is that practically every big American corporation now has in its treasury such large sums of money, set aside to pay income taxes on their 1941 profits (these are paid at the end of 1942). In all cases, these "tax reserves" were deducted from profits and were considered as "expenses." And these corporations got much sympathy in certain newspapers on their plight (even though these tax deductions did not hold the steady increase in net profits).

The heart of the Rum-ry plan is to "forgive" these tax accumulations and to allow the corporations and wealthy individuals to keep the money which they had already set aside as "expenses for taxes."

The Rum-ry Plan, therefore, has seized on a perfectly sensible idea—pay-as-you-go, with which no one disagrees—and has tied this on to another idea—that is, to cancel the hundreds of millions of dollars owed to the Government by the upper brackets for which they have already set aside the money from their huge profits.

The Rum-ry plan is therefore a gift to those who do not need it in the name of helping the poorer people who do need some form of adjusted tax-payment method.

THE Treasury, speaking for the Roosevelt war leadership, is also in favor of a pay-as-you-go plan; it also thinks that the average man should pay his income tax out of his current income, and that, perhaps, his income tax should be

deducted piecemeal from his weekly income, instead of having him wait until the year has gone by when it falls due in a lump sum.

But neither the Treasury nor President Roosevelt is in favor of granting a free gift of several hundred million dollars to the few upper bracket incomes. This is the difference between the Rum-ry plan and the Treasury plan. The Treasury is willing, perhaps, to allow the income taxes owed by the wealthy to be spaced out over one or more years; but it is justifiably unwilling to make a present of hundreds of millions of dollars to the rich.

And this difference between the Rum-ry pay-as-you-go and the Treasury pay-as-you-go is deliberately ignored by the press which is booming it up for the Rum-ry plan. The Rum-ry plan would help the rich in the name of helping the poor; the Treasury plan would help the poor only and would compel the rich to pay the money they owe the Government and which the country needs for the war effort.

The crux of the matter is that in 1941 there were no income taxes on the millions of \$25-a-week or less wage earners; therefore they have no 1941 taxes to be "forgiven." But, the rich owe 1942 taxes and they're trying to get out of paying them.

THERE are some other aspects of the Rum-ry plan propaganda. First, the noise over the Rum-ry method of collecting existing taxes is drowning out the far more crucial issue of who will pay the taxes to finance the new sixteen billion dollar war budget.

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To pay for the war, the country has to increase taxation on the upper brackets; to avoid this, the Rum-ry plan propagandists in Con-

gress are fastening attention on the side-issue of collection methods, and are thus taking the mind of the people off the President's demand for heavier taxes on the corporations and richer classes.

Another aspect of the Rum-ry propaganda is even more far-reaching than this. If the Rum-ry propagandists succeed in clouding the tax issue so as to evade heavier taxes on corporations, Congress will have to pass heavier taxes on the weekly wages of the workers and their families. On top of the present income tax on all \$12 a week income, and on top of the 5 per cent "victory" deduction from weekly wages, and on top of the 20 per cent increase in average living costs, these people propose a doubling of the "victory" tax on wages, plus a 10 per cent sales tax.

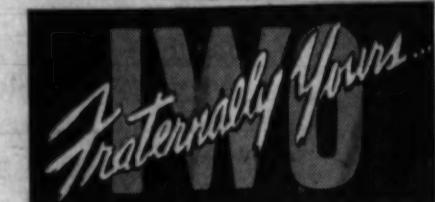
This would seem a drastic curtailment not only of food purchases, but it would inevitably entail a decline in the purchase of war bonds; it would certainly make it more difficult for the masses to buy them in the quantities they patriotically desire.

This would mean that the Government would be taxing away the income of the poorest sections of the population, while the richest sections would be able to invest their surplus funds in bonds which would be repaid, with interest, after the war. The money of the poor would be taxed; the money of the rich would be merely borrowed, and then returned.

This is still another harmful result to those who do not need it in the name of helping the poorer people who do need some form of adjusted tax-payment method.

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The people can benefit by paying-as-you-go; but they will not benefit by the cancellation of upper class income taxes as provided for in the Rum-ry plan, one of the slickest political swindles in a long time.



NEVER HAS THE WORLD witnessed more horrifying tragedy than the steady and deliberate massacre of millions of Europe's Jews by the fascists—human beasts equipped with the weapons of calculated sadism. Jabbing bayonet and living target. Searing electric current in a sealed room. These and other tortures which defy description and leave the lips of humanity temporarily wordless are the "classroom" methods of fascism desperate for world rule.

A LESSON IN TERROR for democracy, this announced and ruthlessly-pursued policy of annihilation of the Jews has failed to silence, numb, stupify or make willing victims of the world's people. In a resolution against the latest atrocities inflicted upon the Jewish people, the General Executive Board of the IWO, calling on its members for redoubled war efforts, declared "It is clear that there will be no end to these unspeakable outrages through the preaching of humanitarianism... The end can be won only by grim and untiring warfare against fascism." The resolution called upon United Nations leaders to formulate the retribution which awaits the Nazi butchers.

ANTI-SEMITISM, Hitler's knout in the hands of native pro-fascists, cannot be fought, nor immunity purchased by silence. Jewish-Americans daily become more aware of this. Yet their ranks have not yet been welded into a single combat force. Of approximately five million Jews in America, more than three-quarters are native born. Most numerous, they constitute the most potent nucleus for all-Jewish, increased anti-fascist actions and resolute support of the President's full war program.

A FORTHCOMING REPORT by Reuben Saltman, secretary of the Jewish-American Section of the IWO, deals with the problems and progress of Jewish-American unity. The IWO works to achieve this unity by special concentration upon the native-born of the Jewish-American communities, establishing English-speaking lodges in their midst.

THE FLOWERING of this policy takes tangible forms. Lodge 385 joins with the Flatbush American Jewish Congress in a mass meeting protesting a Christian Front raid on the Congress center. Lodge 572 collaborates with a synagogue to raise funds for allied war relief. Lodge 817 works closely with its local Federation of Jewish Charities. Three such lodges in Massachusetts have initiated broad movements to combat anti-Semitism in the communities. These lodges of native-born Jewish-Americans are spearheads and generators of all-inclusive Jewish action to win the war.

WHEN SCHOOLS CLOSE to conserve fuel during the week of Feb. 1-5, IWO Young Fraternalists will take no vacation. The furnaces will be cold, but the hearts of New Yorkers will be warmed by the activities of these young men and women who have proclaimed Feb. 1-5 "Young Fraternalists' War Week" as part of Four Freedoms Month (January and February), for which pools of 3,000 blood donors and 3,000 books for servicemen have been set.

THREE PROJECTS will be carried out in every club in the city: enrollment of blood donors; collections for the Victory Book Campaign and gathering of support for the anti-poll tax bill. Novel "War Week" methods like scavenger hunts, book dances, booths in theatre lobbies will be used, as well as tried and true house canvassing and street sales of anti-poll tax seals.

YOUNG FRATERNALISTS will hold a service flag dance on Saturday, Jan. 30, at Czech Club, 347 E. 72nd St., where they will dedicate a flag bearing a blue star for their 625 New York members in the service, and a gold star for five members who gave their lives. The program will feature recorded greetings by IWO servicemen. An opening gun in the IWO's build-for-victory membership campaign, the service flag dance will generate preliminary power for the building of the Order among the youth, bringing them the essential and economical insurance services of the IWO and its anti-fascist program.

KEEPING FIT to keep free is an organic part of the Young Fraternalists' war-winning program. Their recent national bowling tournament will be followed by a city-wide bowling tourney to be held Sunday, Feb. 7. Slovak, Italian and Jewish-American clubs are expected to engage in keen competition.

MEMBERS of the Michigan State Senate were circled by pro-fascist Gerald K. Smith, in a letter protesting the sealing of Stanley Nowak. State Senator Nowak, now under fascist-inspired indictment, is an outstanding labor and win-the-war man. Michigan labor, the Polish population and the people generally know this. That's why they elected him to represent them in the Senate three times running. He is also Michigan State President of the International Workers' Order.

LARGELY REPUBLICAN, the Michigan Legislature declined Gerald K. Smith's "suggestion," and Nowak, a Democrat, is now serving his third term.

A DEADLY PARALLEL to the Bridges case, the Nowak prosecution stems from the same source—attempts of Hitler-lovers and appeasers to put the war people's leaders out of the way. The IWO has urged its lodges to rally additional support for Bridges to prevent his deportation. It is working together with labor to quash the Nowak indictment and drive into the open the foes of our war effort, who are behind it.

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